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SUBJECT : U.S. SPEAKERS FOR CONGRESS ON BENGAL ART

REF : FAWCETT/NEWBERRY LETTER JANUARY 28, 1975

1. BANGLADESH IS HOLDING ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON BENGAL ART MARCH 7 THROUGH MARCH 10, 1976. MISSION INFORMED THAT FINAL OFFICIAL PERMISSION FOR HOLDING CONGRESS GIVEN BY BDG ONLY FEW DAYS AGO AFTER POSTPONEMENT OF ORIGINAL DECEMBER 1975 DATE.

2. TWO AMERICAN EXPERTS, LISTED BELOW, HAD AGREED TO COME FOR DECEMBER PROGRAM, TYING BANGLADESH VISIT WITH PLANNED TRIP TO INDIA. PROGRAM POSTPONEMENT UNFORTUNATELY, ELIMINATED THIS POSSIBILITY. HOWEVER, THE AMERICANS ARE STILL WILLING TO COME IF TRANSPORTATION CAN BE PROVIDED. THEY BOTH HAVE PRESENTATION PAPERS PREPARED.

3. CONGRESS CHIEF DR.ENAMUL HAQUE, HEAD OF MUSEUM AND IVP NOMINEE, INFORMS US HE HAS NO BUDGET FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION, BUT HE COULD MANAGE VISITOR'S FARE FROM INDIA AND BACK. ALTHOUGH NOT SANGUINE RE POSSIBLE CU ASSISTANCE, WE FEEL IT WORTHWHILE TO ASK WHETHER OR NOT CU CAN OFFER TRAVEL ONLY (EXCURSION FARE) ASSISTANCE TO THE AMERICAN PROFESSORS TO FACILITATE THEIR PARTICIPATION HERE. COST WILL BE LESS THAN \$1000 PER PERSON.

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4. PROFESSORS ARE: DR. SUSAN L. HUNTINGTON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,

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